thereof, classified in class 424, subclasses 401, 59 and 70.1; class 514 and subclasses 406 and 880.

III. Claims 1-12 are drawn to method of use of at least one pyrazolecarboxamide compound formula (I), or a salt thereof, in a composition as an agent for inducing and/or stimulating the growth of keratin fibers, especially human keratin fibres, and/or for reducing their loss and/or increasing their density, classified in class 424, subclasses 70.1, 70.9 and 880.

IV. Claims 13-24 are drawn to method of use at least one pyrazolecarboxamide compound formula (II), or a salt thereof, in a composition as an agent for inducing and/or stimulating the growth of keratin fibres, especially human keratin fibres, and/or for reducing their loss and/or increasing their density, classified in class 424, subclasses 70.1 and 70.9; class 514 subclasses 880 and 972.

V. Claims 50-52 are drawn to pyrazolecarboxzmide compound of formula (III) or a salt thereof, classified in class 424, subclass 401 and 406; class 514 subclass 406.

Applicants respectfully assert that the inventions of Groups I-V should properly be examined together. Applicants respectfully submit that the inventions of Groups I-V are closely related and that a proper search of any of the claims should, by necessity, require a proper search of the others. Thus, Applicants submit that all of the claims can be searched simultaneously, and that a duplicative search, with possibly inconsistent results, may occur if the restriction requirement is maintained.

Applicants submit that any nominal burden placed upon the Examiner to search accordingly to determine the art relevant to Applicants' overall invention is significantly outweighed by the public's interest in not having to obtain and study many separate patents in order to have available all of the issued patent claims covering Applicants' invention. The alternative is to proceed with the filing of multiple applications, each consisting of generally the same disclosure, and each being subjected to essentially the same search, perhaps by different Examiners on different occasions. This process would place an unnecessary burden on both the Patent and Trademark Office and on the Applicants.

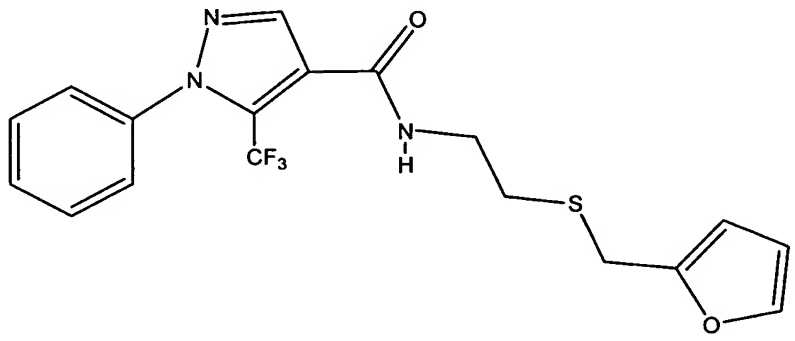
Regardless of whether the five inventions are independent or distinct, Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner need not have restricted the application. MPEP § 803 requires that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire

application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." Therefore, it is not mandatory to make a restriction requirement in all situations where it would be deemed proper.

In the interest of economy, for the Office, for the public-at-large, and for Applicants, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are requested.

Nevertheless, in order to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group III, namely claims 1-12, for prosecution in the above-identified application.

With regard to this election of species, Applicants elect, with traverse, compound 1, as set forth in Example 1, paragraph [0183], on page 10 of the specification, and shown below, for the purposes of searching only.



It is believed that that claims 1-12 within the elected group (Group III) are readable upon the elected species as defined above.

Applicants have no intention of abandoning any non-elected subject matter and should it be necessary, Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to non-elected subject matter.

Applicants earnestly solicit favorable consideration of the above response and early passage to issue the present application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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